



# NEWS RELEASE

## EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

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The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors took action today to approve amendments to the Building and Construction Ordinance that would provide applicants additional time for issuance of a construction permit. The current economic times have made it difficult for applicants to acquire financing within the existing timeframes set by the ordinance. The amendments authorize the extension of construction permits until December 31, 2010. This ordinance affects construction permits that have not been issued.

Jerry Bunin, Government Affairs Director of the Central Coast Home Builders Association, stated that "The County worked hard to find a compromise between applying the code strictly and meeting the changing economic situations of applicants trying to obtain permits for construction during the recession. The Home Builders Association appreciates the efforts of the County".

Applicants interested in extending their permit applications will need to submit an Application Extension Form, Application Extension Policy and pay the required fee.

Construction permit applications submitted to the County after January 1, 2008 will require:

- A Request For Application Extension Form
- Payment of a \$66.50 processing fee

Construction permit applications submitted to the County prior to January 1, 2008 will require:

- A Request For Application Extension Form
- An Application Extension Policy (agreement to meet select updated code requirements in their projects in order to qualify for the extension).
- Payment of a \$399.00 review fee.

Cheryl Journey, Chief Building Official for the County of San Luis Obispo states "We recognized that there was a need to have longer timeframes for applicants who have been caught by more stringent construction lending practices and proposed these amendments to address this issue."

Additional information and application materials can be found on the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Planning and Building website ([www.sloplanning.org](http://www.sloplanning.org)).

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